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MENT: THE VIEWS OF SENATOR EMMANUEL PELAEZ, PHILIPPINE
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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE SEEN MILITARY BASE RENEGOTIATION
AS STRAIGHTFORWARD RENEGOTIATION OF 1947 AGREEMENT AS
AMENDED. SOME OF CONCEPTS WHICH PELAEZ DESCRIBED TO PALMER
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SOUND TO US LIKE RENEGOTIATION OF LARGER SCOPE THAN WE HAVE

HAD IN MIND.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS APPARENT DESIRE TO MAKE DIRECT INTERRELATION BETWEEN BASES STRUCTURE IN PHILIPPINES AND THEIR FUNCTION IN DEFENSE OF WESTERN PACIFIC OR ASEAN (PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL) IF INTERRELATION IMPLIES ANY BROADENING OF US COMMITMENTS.

3. SIMILARLY, HIS COMMENTS ON "PHILIPPINE SELF-RELIANCE PLAN" AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 SEEM TO EMBODY IMPLIED LINKAGE BETWEEN MAP AND US BASES, WHICH WE ALL WISH TO AVOID.

4. WE WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR WEEKEND WITH PELAEZ. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW THESE GENERAL POINTS WERE IN PELAEZ'S MIND AND WERE TO SOME EXTENT DISCUSSED WITH BENDETSSEN IN 1956, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE IS REFLOATING OLDER IDEAS WHICH DID NOT WASH AT THAT TIME. IF IN FACT PELAEZ AND/OR GOP WISH IN EFFECT TO RENEGOTIATE NOT ONLY BASES AGREEMENT BUT QUESTION OF OUR WHOLE SUPPORT OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT BE VERY DIFFERENT SITUATION AGAIN. SISCO

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